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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re:

Comments on General Electric's August 18, 2003 submittal regarding *Lyman Street Area Supplemental Pre-Design Soil Investigations*, and Comments on GE's September 5, 2003 submittal *Additional Supplemental Pre-Design Soil Investigations*, GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approvals of the pre-design investigation activities described in the above-referenced letter reports regarding Lyman Street Area Supplemental Pre-Design Soil Investigations and Additional Supplemental Pre-Design Soil Investigations (letter reports). The letter reports are subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the above-referenced submittals.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to PDIWP and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1268.

Sincerely,

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